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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Boerner, William G.

Organization:

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Address:

2131 Tori Lane, Marinette, WI 54143

Constituent:

N/A

Committee:

N/A

Sub-Committee:

N/A

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Subject:

Request for Environmental Impact Study for Menominee County Michigan, Marinette County

Wisconsin and the Menominee River as a principal waterway between Michigan and

Instructions:

DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns

Instruction Note: **General Notes:**

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OCIR-ORO - Office of Regional Operations

OW - Office of Water -- Immediate Office

Lead Information

Lead Author:

Darrel Harmon

Office:

R5-IEO

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Nov 14, 2016 Oct 31, 2016

Assigned Date: Complete Date:

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Lead Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date	Due Date	Complete Date	
Ken Labbe	OEX	R5	Oct 31, 2016	Nov 14, 2016	N/A	
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Gayvonne Gary	R5	Tywanna Greene	Oct 31, 2016	Nov 14, 2016	N/A	
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Supporting Information



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Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Elizabeth Rosado	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Kendall Cannon	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Tracy Jamison	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Andrea Breese	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Darrel Harmon	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Jesse McDaniel	Oct 31, 2016

History

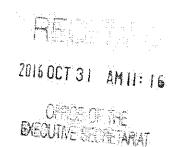
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Ken Labbe	OEX	Assign R5 as lead office	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Accepted the group assignment	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Tywanna Greene as lead	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Elizabeth Rosado to support the control	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Kendall Cannon to support the control	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Tracy Jamison to support the control	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Andrea Breese to support the control	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Darrel Harmon to support the control	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Jesse McDaniel to support the control	Oct 31, 2016
Darrel Harmon	R5-IEO	Take task	Oct 31, 2016

Comments

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October 25, 2016

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20460



Re: Petition – Request for 'Environmental Impact Study' for Menominee County Michigan,
Marinette County Wisconsin and the Menominee River as a principal waterway
between the States of Michigan and Wisconsin, and the displacement and
destruction of Native American Ancestral burial sites and artifacts.

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

Copies of petitions were sent to Governors Rick Snyder and Scott Walker containing 671 signatures asking for their offices to intervene in a matter of extreme importance to residents, property owners, tourists and others concerning the potentially harmful impact on the environment and economic health of the Counties of Marinette Wisconsin, Menominee Michigan and other municipalities dependent on drinking water from Lake Michigan and in particular the Bay of Green Bay. A previous petition containing over 2000 signatures of persons opposed to a mine and minerals processing operation at this location was sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in February 2016. Copies of this petition continue to be circulated in different localities including the Menominee Native American Tribal Reservation at Keshena, Wisconsin.

Aquila Resources, Inc., a Canadian mining exploration and materials processing company has applied for and is in the 'final' stage of being issued a mining and minerals processing permit by the State of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as discussed by them during a public forum held on October 6, 2016 and intend to begin operations as early as July, 2017 according to company officials.

Michigan does not require an independent environmental impact study as part of their permit requirement process in spite of extremely high risks of having a Volcanic Massive sulfide mine within 100 feet of the Menominee River and the fact Aquila Resources, Inc. intend to discharge up to 1½ million gallons of water daily most of which will contain sulfuric acid, cyanide, lead, and other chemicals and minerals used in the mining and processing of sulfide minerals from their open pit mine and materials processing operations into the Menominee River. (Michigan and Wisconsin share this river as a common border that empties into Lake Michigan's Bay of Green Bay 35 miles to the Southeast of the proposed mine site).

Additionally, much of the mine activity will be on Native American land, containing artifacts, ancient burial grounds and garden sites that are an important part of the culture and history of several Native American tribes that occupied settlements in this area for thousands of years.

I am requesting your approval, endorsement and help in our request for an independent impact study to be made by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management and Native American Artifacts concerning the environmental and social impact of the proposed mining and materials processing operation in Lake Township, Menominee County, Michigan.

Copies and/or versions of this letter are also being sent to other State and U.S. Government officials, however, copies of petitions may not be sent.

Respectfully,

William G. Boerner

On Behalf of Concerned Citizens

2131 Tori Ln.

Marinette, Wisconsin 54143

Encl: Copy of Petition Form